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# COMMEMORATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF REPEAL OF DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

For over 18 years, this discriminatory policy resulted in the discharge of thousands of brave, honorable, and capable servicemembers, solely due to their sexual orientation.

On December 22, 2010, the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act was signed into law, and the policy officially ended 10 years ago today.

As a longtime supporter of repeal, I was thrilled when years of advocacy and determination paid off in the victory for dignity and equality.

LGBTQ servicemembers are an integral part of our Nation's defense, and they deserve our eternal support and gratitude for the sacrifices they make every day to keep us safe.

Please join me in commemorating this historic day and in thanking all LGBTQ servicemembers and veterans for their service to our Nation.

## LIFE IS A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, any attack against the sanctity of human life tears the moral fabric of this great country.

H.R. 3755, the abortion on demand until birth act, is yet another scheme levied against the most vulnerable group in this country, the unborn. This legislation would impose abortion on demand for any reason until birth. What's more, it would override past and future pro-life laws at both the State and Federal levels.

Madam Speaker, the unborn deserve a voice in the people's House who stands for them, and I am proud to be one of the many in this body who do so. Let us never forget that life is a precious gift from God, and that gift should never be squandered under any circumstances.

## REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IS NOT FOR THE LAZY OR THE FAINT OF HEART

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked what type of government our founders had created with the U.S. Constitution, and his response was: "A republic, if you can keep it."

Why? Because representative democracy is not for the lazy or the faint of heart. American democracy relies upon an informed, engaged citizenry. We require immigrants to pass a difficult test when they become citizens, but we currently require little to ensure that our children are prepared for that role.

I have been a proponent of civics education for my entire life, and it is more important than ever to help our schools provide high quality civic education. Our young people need to understand how government works; how they can effectively advocate for themselves and their communities; and how to navigate the masses of disinformation found online.

Last Friday, on Constitution Day, I introduced a bipartisan bill with Representative MEIJER, the Teaching Engaged Citizenship Act, to promote high-quality, evidence-based civic education and service learning programs in K-12 public schools.

Our Constitution has a rich, complicated history. If we want to keep it, we need to teach it.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DWIGHT EMANUELSON

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Dwight Emanuelson of Hilton Head, South Carolina, who sadly passed recently at the age of 88.

Dwight had an impactful career serving his community. After graduating from Cornell University, he began a lifelong career as a successful broker that brought him to Savannah, Georgia. Although Dwight worked in the financial services industry for over 60 years, his passion for life and love for his family is what defined him.

Dwight also had a lifelong passion for art, which he shared generously with the Telfair Museum of Art in Savannah.

When Dwight wasn't admiring artwork, he was enjoying the outdoors with his children and grandchildren. Dwight's dedication to improving the lives of others will never be forgotten.

I am proud to rise today to honor Dwight and his lifetime of service to Georgia's First Congressional District. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

## RIGHTING A WRONG

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to right a wrong. Shortly after his passing, there was an op-ed written about Bob Moses which characterized him as "the most important civil rights hero most Americans never heard of." I painfully agree.

Bob Moses has never been given the credit he deserved. Fortunately for us, his ego was small, but his impact was giant.

Bob Moses was a relentless organizer and seeker of justice and equitable access to the ballot box as a SNCC organizer and a transformative educator as the founder of the Algebra Project.

He was a loving husband, father, and generous mentor.

Much like his iconic overalls, Bob Moses was unassuming and resilient. Days before he transitioned, Moses was still fighting, this time for critical COVID relief funds to be used to finally reinvent the math classroom.

He said: "The problem is not the willingness or ability of students to succeed, rather the systemic inequities teachers and students of color face."

He once posed the question: "What do you do when the country has a sickness?"

I can say, the cure for our Nation's sickness of systemic racism and inequality is to model that which Mr. Moses demonstrated throughout this life. May we honor him now, in a way that matters most: Change.

Rest in power, Mr. Moses.

## CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brainerd, Minnesota, a city in my district that is celebrating 150 years of culture, history, and exceptionalism.

As the weeklong celebration begins with festivals and a beautiful park dedication, it is important to recognize what makes Brainerd so special.

Located along the mighty Mississippi River and surrounded by many of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes, what started out as a railroad town has evolved into a bustling community where countless Americans have chosen to open a business, engage in commerce, and recreate.

While Brainerd has grown and evolved throughout the past 150 years, one thing has always remained the same: it is an excellent place to live and raise a family.

As we celebrate 150 years of Brainerd, I want to recognize the former and current community leaders, business owners, and families who have made this community great. I could not be prouder to represent this amazing community in Congress.

Here is to 150 more years of prosperity and excellence.

## FAIR TREATMENT OF LOCAL FARMERS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight in support of the Biden administration's new guidance regarding the Packers and Stockyards Act, and heartened that the administration took swift and decisive action to protect small farmers and local producers. Too often, local farmers suffer economically at the expense of large integrators that practice oppressive tactics in the marketplace and thwart the ability of small producers to flourish.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed great frailties in our food supply chains. And while Americans are paying higher prices, 14 percent on beef, 12 percent on pork, and 6.6 percent on poultry, the country's top four largest meat processors have increasingly gained the lion's share of the market since the 1970s. They control the entire market, the largest producers.

Meanwhile, poultry giants Tysons and Purdue recently settled a \$35 million lawsuit in which local contract growers cited the combination of low wages and the financial demands of compliance with the companies' barn standards that unjustly pushed them into a debtor's prison.

The action taken by the administration will help smaller farmers stand strong, achieve fair contracts, and come forward to speak their truth, without the fear and threat of retaliation.

Congratulations to the Biden administration for doing something that is fair and just.

#### HIGHLIGHTING THE BENEFITS OF HYDROPOWER

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I speak tonight about the advocacy and the positives we have of hydroelectric dams in my home State and in our country. They provide hydroelectric power, which is green power, which is renewable power. Yet, that seems to be forgotten these days when they are more and more trying to remove hydroelectric dams from our grid.

It is clean power; it is available 24 hours a day. You don't have to wait for the sun to come up or wind to blow.

Hydroelectric dams have several multiple use purposes, such as storing water for people or for agriculture. That water is available for dipping out of when you have aircraft that need to get water supply for fighting forest fires like we have over a million acres of in my home State, in Northern California.

Water transfers can help with the wildlife; with helping to have switches so that they can have water for aquatic species, for swapping during the year.

So why are we wanting to remove hydroelectric dams?

In California, we even have issues with having to shut off power usage, what is called flex alerts. What is even

funnier is that you have shut them off from 3 to 9 p.m. on charging your electric car.

So we should utilize our hydroelectric dams and all the multiple positive uses they have, and not tear them out, like on the Klamath Basin.

#### HUMANITARIAN HAITIAN IMMIGRANT RELIEF

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I want the Haitian community in America and in the United States to know that we have not forgotten them.

Haiti has been a strong ally of the United States that, unfortunately, has been caught in the quagmire of destructive poverty and, of course, governments that sometimes have not worked. Recently, they experienced a horrific earthquake; 800,000 people homeless.

So now that we see Haitians by the thousands coming to our border, we have an obligation not to deport them. We have an obligation to provide the potential review that comes about by having the number of immigration personnel to determine their status. We have an obligation for humanitarian relief.

I know our borders are closed; I recognize that. But I also know that there is opportunity for asylum through credible fear, and there is also an opportunity to deal with whether or not these individuals have family members.

Let me simply say, Madam Speaker, the question we have now is sending these Haitians to a country that is so impoverished and violent is not the right way to go. Let's work together to do it right.

#### HONORING THE LIVES OF COACH GUY THOMAS AND COACH MARK MCGARITY

(Mr. DONALDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the lives of Coach Guy Thomas and Coach Mark McGarity, two beloved track and field coaches of the Southwest Florida community who both passed away on July 13 of this year.

Coach Guy Thomas tragically passed away after being hospitalized in critical condition after contracting COVID-19. A track and field coach at Dunbar High School, Mr. Thomas dedicated his life to training and mentoring our young athletes on the field. A highly respected coach, Mr. Thomas led his team to numerous Lee County Athletic Conference wins and coached multiple State champions.

Retired Coach Mark McGarity also lost his life to a battle with cancer. Mr. McGarity served the Collier County

community as a coach and teacher for 38 years, and for 15 years served as the cross country and track coach at Lely High School.

I am proud that the State of Florida has access to such esteemed and beloved educators that allow our youth to flourish, both in the classroom and on the field.

As the Representative for Florida's 19th Congressional District, it is my honor to stand here today celebrating the lives of two Americans who dedicated themselves to bettering our youth and serving as role models to the Southwest Florida community.

#### HONORING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, tonight we paid tribute to the 13 fallen American military who died as Afghanistan was being abandoned by this administration to the Taliban, who are now more powerful than they have ever been, have more equipment than they ever had.

What we didn't pay tribute to tonight—it somehow got lost in the shuffle—is over 2,400 of our precious military lives that were lost fighting for their country in Afghanistan. They kept us safe, relatively safe for 20 years. But they should not be forgotten.

There are over 1,800 civilian contractors that were killed. There were 600 military killed in Afghanistan under Commander in Chief Bush; 1,800 under Commander in Chief Obama. They should not be forgotten. They served their country.

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#### BUILDING AMERICA BACK BETTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. NEWMAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I am delighted to be representing the Congressional Black Caucus as the Special Order chair.

I want to thank our chairwoman, JOYCE BEATTY, for her leadership on ensuring that the message of the Congressional Black Caucus—Our Power, Our Message—is reflected on the floor of this House and to the American people, to our constituents, the millions and millions of Americans that the 57 members of the Congressional Black Caucus represent.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.